

Please begin a systematic review of communications tower and bird mortality issues, institute a research program funded by the communications industry to identify tower placement design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality. You may be thinking that there are plenty of birds and that it does not matter if a few are killed off but the fact of the matter is that we don't really know a lot about this issue yet and we need to find out. This may sound silly but a stick in time saves time. If a little work is done now this problem will get fixed before it becomes extremely costly and hard to fix. Undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts. Also consider the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Thank you very much for taking the time to read this.

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